Report on Val San Nursery Upgrades and the July 18th Volunteer Work Day at the Nursery

Jepson Chapter Board had their most recent quarterly meeting hosted by the Solano Community College Horticulture Department on the evening of June 18. The Jepson Board toured the Department’s nursery and consulted with Department faculty members Ken Williams and Sandra Diehl on the renovation of the Jepson Chapter’s Nursery at Val San. As a result of last year’s successful Measure Q bond measure for the college district; significant upgrades are planned for the Horticulture Department’s facilities and programs.

During the tour information was exchanged on planting mixes and an irrigation system suitable for growing tables. Following the tour, the Board showed its appreciation for Ken and Sandra’s hospitality by awarding Sandra with an honorary membership to the California Native Plant Society (Ken has been a member of the Jepson Chapter for many years).

The following pages contain photos of the July 18 volunteer work day at the Val San nursery where (among other things) we installed a new irrigation system designed by Sandra Diehl. A lot was accomplished in two hours.
Volunteer Crew: Left to Right – John Dean, Susan Dean, Steve Goetz, Barbara Reiley, Sandra Diehl, Ryan Williams, Ken Williams, Sue Wickham. Jan de Giere is taking the picture.
Sue Wickham tosses some demolition debris from the nursery.
New plastic growing tables will be easy to clean. Table tops are 36” above the ground to provide a good work height and to isolate plants from rainwater splashing off the ground.
Steve Goetz and Ken Williams are in the shade structure installing new sprinkler risers that will irrigate plants set on the new growing tables.
Sandra Diehl makes final adjustments to the new irrigation system.
New growing tables are moved into the shade structure.
Tables are arranged and we are in business!